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ATTENTION: DO/US

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merit of the above-identified application, kindly amend the claims as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 16 and 17 as follows

16. (Twice Amended)

A compound of formula (I), or a pharmaceutically

acceptable salt or solvate thereof:

$$R^{1} \xrightarrow{X} X \xrightarrow{H} N \xrightarrow{R^{2}} N \xrightarrow{R^{3}} R^{3}$$

Formula (I)

wherein,

X is S or O;

 R^1 is optionally substituted C_{2-6} alkyl, C_{3-6} alkenyl, C_{3-6} alkynyl, optionally substituted

Ar-C₀₋₆alkyl or optionally substituted Het-C₀₋₆alkyl, or C₃₋₇cycloalkyl-C₀₋₆alkyl;

R² is optionally substituted C₂₋₆alkyl, C₃₋₆alkenyl, C₃₋₆alkynyl, optionally substituted

 $Ar-C_{0-6}$ alkyl, optionally substituted $Het-C_{0-6}$ alkyl, C_{3-7} cycloalkyl- C_{0-6} alkyl, provided that